

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 21, 2017

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, Gary Cameron, and Antonia Walker, Student Advisor, answered roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

PUBLIC HEARING: Disposal of Property 2.095 Acres – Newhouse said we are in the process of subdividing into parcels and rezone. There is a developer interested. The property is north of the sewer plant. We would retain a small portion on the southeast corner. There would be a contingency if the developer backs out. This allows us to see if there is any other interest. Bridges made a motion to close the public hearing. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Additional Appropriations Stellar Projects – Jason Semlar said this is related to notes and bonds discussed at the prior meeting. Councilman Smith said he has asked Semlar to come to a meeting to walk Council through the financial process. Newhouse asked if the cash flow was considered. Semlar said it was. We have received proposals from 2 local banks. Cameron moved to close the public hearing. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Cameron moved to approve minutes of the February 7, 2017 meeting as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey gave the following report:

1. He and John McCane met on hydroponics.
2. Someone came in and toured the industrial park for a possible future opportunity in the area.
3. The Redevelopment Commission met on the 13th. The Park Board met on the 14th and passed ordinances for Stellar funding.
4. Thanked Councilman Bridges for retrieving items related to the levee from Wilbur Hoeing. The documents will be stored at the Courthouse.
5. On the 19th we had a Stellar youth meeting.
6. Rush to Grow met last night. The meeting was sponsored by the ECDC and the school.

We will meet again in 6 weeks.

7. The APC and BZA will meet on the 22nd for the zoning on the 2 acres and 4 acres.
8. Was invited to meet with the INDOT Commissioner on the 28th.
9. On the 29th we will be taking a developer downtown to get their suggestions.
10. The St. Patrick celebration is March 11th the Governor will be the Grand Marshall.
11. Received a call from CGS informing us that the recycle pricing has tripled from \$7.20 per ton to \$20.00.
12. The SET plan was approved. The UUSDA SET plan was approved at high quality.
13. Several organizations have been sending notes regarding legislation. We will reply if they are significant to us.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Clerk-Treasurer Copley passed out a copy of the 2016 annual financial report that was advertised in today's paper.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Bridges said he met with the lady that had a concern regarding the cross walk at the high school. Bridges suggested a yellow caution sign. Miller said the whirlybird signs are approximately \$75.00. Councilman Cameron volunteered to research for proper signage.

Bridges said there is also a problem with pick up in the evening on west side of the high school. The school made an announcement regarding pickup, which seemed to help. He will ask that they continue to announce proper pick up and drop off sites.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – We have set quarterly dates for updates. We attended a Stellar session today in Corydon.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Cameron said all bands are booked.
- **Marketing** – Rush To Grow discussion.
- **APC/BZA** – West end property and housing area.
- **City Center** – We have separated from Poole. We will meet next Thursday with Martin Riley.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – We will be scoring the proposal.
- **Brownfield Grant** – They have been testing near the levee south of the Laker property and around the Flatrock Grill.
- **ECDC** – ECDC Director said they have been busy trying to determine how we can employ people in our community. We have been meeting with Ivy Tech and Workforce Development along with each of our industries.

We are working on two projects with Hoosier Youth Challenge.

We had a site selector tour the industrial park;

DEPARATMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker said Hoeing has graduated from the police academy and is now on the road patrolling. Clifton passed his medical evaluation. We are waiting on approval from Perf.

The new cars are being held in preparation to add the necessary equipment.

We are making improvements to the building. A new door was put in the front entrance area and painting was done this past week.

Street – Commissioner Miller said the Board of Works approved to hire Michael Huer to ride the garbage truck.

Park – Park Director Gurley said the pool interviews have been conducted and the employees for 2017 have been approved by the Park Board.

The remodel of South Veterans Park will start tomorrow. They will be adding items to the toddler zone.

We will be placing signs along the trails tomorrow of the trails master plan.

Basketball clinics will begin Saturday.

Approximately 125 attended the Valentine dance.

We are taking applications for t-ball. until March 17th.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **16-CO-030 RMH MRI** – We have heard nothing from RMH. Cameron made a motion to table and to notify RMH once again with our request for further information. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **½ Day off a Month City Hall Employees** – Pavey said this issue has become more complicated. We need to work towards parody with the utilities. Cameron requested job descriptions and pay status for city hall and the utility office employees. Newhouse will check to see if we are being compliant to allow the 1/2 day off.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Youth Camp** – Chip West said they have a full camp of 412 workers. The camp is scheduled for July 9-14th. We plan to work on 60-75 homes. We are still in need of additional work. West requested additional patrol during this time. He asked if the City would pick up trash left behind. Requested that the workers be allowed to swim at the pool. Also asked if the amphitheater would provide beverages and fans as they have in the past. Smith moved to approve the request from West for the camp workers. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Potential Disposal of Publically Owned Property (2.095 acres)** – Bridges made a motion to move forward with the sale of the property. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Stellar Bond Ordinance 2017-3 – 2017-5** – Councilman Smith asked if the scope and concept could be changed. Sheehan said yes it could. There are 7 key projects. Smith moved to approve Ordinance 2017-3. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Berkemeier moved to approve Ordinance 2017-5. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Resolution 2017-4 Authorizing the Sale of Property** – Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2017-4. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Large Equipment Purchase Discussion – Garbage Truck and Chipper** – Mayor Pavey said we need to figure out in an organized manner what our options are and how to fund the purchase. Cameron moved to table for review by a committee. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilman Smith voting “nay”.
6. **Parking on Harrison – Post Office** – Commissioner Miller received a request from the Post Office to have no parking signs placed on the east side of Harrison from 3rd Street to the post office driveway. Berkemeier moved to approve the signage request. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS APPROVAL AND BANK RECONCILIATION: Bridges moved to approve the claims as presented and the December 2016 bank reconciliation. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Mayor Pavey said Thursday we will find out if the Durbin housing project is awarded.

Councilman Bridges announced that the Community Foundation Payout Celebration is tomorrow at the 201 Building beginning at 6:30.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Smith moved to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

